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SUBJECT: SOVIET PHOTO AND BOOK EXHIBIT AT UNESCO

COMMEMORATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWII

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWII, MEMBERS OF SOVIET PERMDEL AND SOVIET NATIONALS IN SECRETARIAT SET UP PHOTO AND BOOK EXHIBIT ON MAY 5. EXHIBIT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT RECEPTION HOSTED BY SOVIETS EVENING MAY 6.

2. EXHIBIT IS BASICALLY PURE SOVIET PROPAGANDA EFFORT WITH NO MENTION OF ALLIED PARTICIPATION IN WAR, AND IS OBJECTIONABLE FOR ITS ONE-SIDED PROJECTION. AS ONE ENTERS EXHIBIT AREA, THERE IS WRITTEN MESSAGE (IN FRENCH AT ONE END OF ROOM, IN ENGLISH AT OTHER) WHICH BEGINS WITH QUOTE FROM PARTY LEADER BREZHNEV AS FOLLOWS:  
QUOTE FOR SOVIET PEOPLE THE GREAT PATRIOTIC W WAS NOT ONLY A STRUGGLE FOR OUR COUNTRY'S FREEDOM AND  
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INDEPENDENCE, IT WAS ALSO A BATTLE TO SAVE WORLD

CIVILIZATION, A BATTLE FOR A JUST PEACE IN THE FUTURE  
END QUOTE. IN NON-ATTRIBUTABLE TEXT BELOW THIS QUOTE,  
THERE NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO SOVIET PEOPLE AND THEIR  
ARMED FORCES, SOVIET PEOPLE LED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY,  
ETC. TO SHOW GLOBAL ASPECTS OF SOVIET PARTICIPATION,  
TEXT SAYS: QUOTE THE ECHO OF FIGHTING IN EUROPE HAD NOT  
YET DIED BUT THE SOVIET ARMY WAS ALREADY HURRYING TO  
AID THE PEOPLES OF ASIA IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST  
JAPANESE MILITARISM END QUOTE.

3. EMPHASIS OF PHOTOS IS ON SOVIET PARTISANS, BATTLE  
OF STALINGRAD, AND LIBERATION OF EAST EUROPEAN CAPITALS.  
ONE PHOTO, DATED SEPT. 1942, SHOWS BRIGADE COMMISAR  
BREZHNEV PRESENTING MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO SOLDIERS  
ADMITTED TO RANKS OF C.P. A NOTABLY ORWELLIAN RE-  
VISION OF HISTORY IS IMPLIED BY PHOTO OF DESTROYED VILLAGE  
CAPTIONED: QUOTE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WILL NEVER  
FORGET THE TRAGEDIES OF ORADOUR, LIDICE AND KATYN  
(AS THOUGH FASCISTS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR KATYN  
MASSACRE) AND VILLAGES COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY  
HITLERITES. IN USSR 70,000 VILLAGES AND HAMLETS WERE  
DESTROYED AND BURNED AND 1,710 TOWNS AND URBAN CITIES.END QUOTE  
PERMDEL FINDS SUGGESTION THAT KATYN FOREST MASSACRE  
ATTRIBUTABLE TO NAZIS RATHER THAN SOVIET ARMIES PARTIC-  
ULARLY OFFENSIVE

4. TWO SOVIETS MADE POINT TO LEAD DELOFF TO PHOTO  
SHOWING ROOSEVELT, CHURCHILL AND STALIN AT YALTA.  
LATER DELOFF ALSO SPOTTED PHOTO OF U.S. SOLDIERS  
MEETING SOVIETS AT ELBE. NEITHER OF THESE PHOTOS IS  
PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED.

5. COMPLETING EXHIBIT ARE SEVERAL DISPLAYS OF BOOKS  
ON WWII IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND RUSSIAN, PLUS LIMITED  
QUANTITY (AS OF MAY 5) OF BROCHURES WHICH PRESUMABLY  
HANDOUT MATERIAL.  
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